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Today's Topics:

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Date: Thu, 1 Sep 1994 04:16:17 GMT
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Subject: ? about the Kenwood TS50
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

In article <kj6tkCvDwtK.8qE@netcom.com> kj6tk@netcom.com (John Meacham) writes:
>From: kj6tk@netcom.com (John Meacham)
>Subject: ? about the Kenwood TS50
>Date: Wed, 31 Aug 1994 05:34:32 GMT

>I have a Kenwood TS50 I am ussing for mobile rig. I would like to know
>more about the optional antenna tuner for it. Is it worth the \$\$\$. I
>don't have any bad mismatch with my ham-sticks. I do find that the
>power starts to drop near the edge of some bands. Anyone have experience

>with the TS50 tuner. Thx John

I use the TS-50 as my base station radio with the matching AT-50 tuner. I run it into a G5RV antenna. Have been very very happy with it, works extremely well, even tunes way out of band for some of the MARS frequencies I operate.

If you have any specific questions, feel free to drop me a note.

david wb7tpy

Date: 1 Sep 1994 01:08:59 GMT
From: pa.dec.com!oleum.zso.dec.com!robin@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: any ft900 owners out there???
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

Hi,

Any FT900 users out there??? What are your opinions of this radio?
Likes, dislikes - strengths, weaknesses. I have heard that it is
really just a FT890 repackaged - is this the case.

Thanks

Robin

Date: 1 Sep 1994 04:13:17 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!udel!news.sprintlink.net!
sundog.tiac.net!max.tiac.net!rblaine@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: CB antenna questions.
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

Here's my situation:

I just bought a 5-watt radio shack CB and a magnetic mount mobile CB antenna. I also bought an SWR meter. I hooked it all up and it worked fine, so i started adjusting the antenna according to the manual that came with it to get peak performance. I hooked my SWR meter up, calibrated it, and got about 1.6 on channel 1 and 3.2 on channel 40. So I started trimming the antenna down. I probably took about 1/2" - 3/4" off of the length, and ended up with about 1.1 or 1.0 on channel 1 and 2.4 on channel 40. Should I keep going to get channel 40 down? Did I go too far?

Another question: People on the airwaves report my signal to me in "pounds". Someone 1-3 miles away said I was coming in at about 6 or 7

pounds. I was talking to someone 10-15 miles away as well with limited success and to someone 4 or 5 miles at 3 pounds. What is a "pound"? Will this increase as my SWR ratios improve? Will my range decrease significantly as a result from the antenna trimming?

Thanks for your help.. reply by email if possible.

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| ----  Russ Blaine  ---- | Plane  #6933  | "Achilles was dipped in |
|                               | the River Stynx until |
|  rblaine@tiac.net      | --)=Cannibal--> | he became intolerable."|
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Subject: Equipment Advice Needed
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

[Sorry about the crosspost. Wasn't sure which group this should go on]

I'm currently saving up for Ham set. I'm planning to test in October, so I have till Late December or January to save money to buy what I need. I just bought a house in a development that does not allow antenna, so I'm more interested in hand held unit.

What I'm Looking for:

- Price \$300-\$400
- Multiband (if possible), or a good 2m unit
- Good, realible company (heard ICOM was good)

If you have any suggestion on what to look for, please e-mail me.

Thanks for any help,
mike

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Date: 2 Sep 94 01:11:37 GMT

From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Kenwood 790A Mods
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

A friend, VE3EP, wants to mod his 790A for use on packet at 9600 baud. He needs to know where to get output from discriminator and where to feed audio to modulator. Any help, or where to get help will be appreciated. Thanks Rick VA3TX

Date: 31 Aug 94 11:39:44
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!news.Stanford.EDU!nntp!fred@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Kenwood TM-241A Mods?
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

Can't find this on any of the ftp sites. But I know the information exists as this radio is listed on the back of a shrunk wrapped radio modification book at HRO that I'm too cheap to buy.

Anybody got an ascii doc?

Don Taber
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Date: 31 Aug 1994 18:38:02 -0400
From: newstf01.cr1.aol.com!search01.news.aol.com!not-for-mail@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Problem with Uniden 2830
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

In article <1994Aug29.201957.9696@krk.fi>, lakki@krksun.krk.fi (Erik Omskakas) writes:

Date: 31 Aug 1994 22:47:59 GMT
From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!usc!nic-nac.CSU.net!charnel.ecst.csuchico.edu!csusac!csus.edu!acme!danb@ames.arpa
Subject: Twin-band HT recommendation?
To: ham-equip@ucsd.edu

I've received a few responses to my query, and a few requests for the results, so here goes:

I had asked for recommendations among several dual-band HTs I

found while looking through the HRO catalog, including the Kenwood TH-78A and -79A, the Yaesu FT-530, and others. I also asked for recommendations of places to buy from.

Those who responded spoke highly of the FT-530 and the TH-79A; less so of the TH-78A. One comment I received:

> For the money the Yaesu FT-530 is the best of the bunch.
> I like the guide and user interface on my TH79A but if I had it
> to do over I'd buy the FT-530.

I'll probably end up with the FT-530, as soon as I can pay for it.

Most of the people who answered recommended avoiding HRO. Have others had bad experiences with them? Who would you recommend?

Many thanks to those who answered my original query, and thanks for any information you can provide!

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